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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-v-

ROSS WILLIAM ULBRICHT,

Defendant.

14 Cr. 68 (KBF)

ORDER

KATHERINE B. FORREST, District Judge:

The Court hereby notifies the parties that it intends to provide the enclosed Juror Questionnaire to the Clerk's Office on December 4, 2014. If either party has concerns, it should let the Court know not later than **December 3, 2014**.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
December 1, 2014


KATHERINE B. FORREST
United States District Judge

Juror ID: _____

YOUR FULL NAME: _____

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY USING DARK INK)

United States v. Ross Ulbricht

JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS:

Please print your name and juror number in the space provided at the top of each page. Please answer each question by placing an "X" next to your response or by providing the information requested. Please answer each question fully. Some questions have more than one part.

YOU ARE SWORN TO GIVE TRUE AND COMPLETE ANSWERS TO ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. This questionnaire is designed to help simplify and shorten the jury selection process. The purpose of this questionnaire is to determine whether prospective jurors can decide this case impartially based upon the evidence presented at trial and the legal instructions given by the presiding judge. The questions are not intended to inquire unnecessarily into personal matters. Although some of the questions may appear to be of a personal nature, please understand that the Court and the parties must learn enough information about each juror's background and experiences to select a fair and impartial jury.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND UNDER SEAL.

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. If you do not know the answer to a question then write, "I don't know." There are no "right" or "wrong" answers, only truthful answers. Do not discuss the case or your answers with anyone. It is important that the answers be yours alone. Remember, you are sworn to give true and complete answers to all questions.

THE COURT INSTRUCTS YOU NOT TO DISCUSS THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH FELLOW JURORS. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOUR ANSWERS BE YOUR OWN INDIVIDUAL ANSWERS. Furthermore, the Court instructs you not to discuss anything about this case with anyone: not the lawyers (except in the presence of the Court), your fellow jurors, your family, your friends, or anyone else.

Juror ID: _____

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The Court is selecting a jury for a four to six-week trial commencing on January 5, 2015.

The Indictment in this case contains criminal charges against one defendant: ROSS WILLIAM ULBRICHT, a/k/a "Dread Pirate Roberts," a/k/a "DPR," a/k/a "Silk Road."

The Indictment charges the defendant in seven counts. All of the counts concern the defendant's alleged operation and management of a black-market Internet website known as "Silk Road," from 2011 to 2013. The Government alleges that the defendant deliberately designed and administered Silk Road to enable users to buy and sell illicit drugs and other illegal goods and services, including computer hacking tools and services and false identification documents, and to do so anonymously and outside the reach of law enforcement.

Counts One through Four charge the defendant with various narcotics offenses, based on the illegal drugs that were allegedly sold on Silk Road.

Count Five charges the defendant with conspiring to commit, or help others commit, computer hacking, based on the alleged sale of computer-hacking tools and services on Silk Road.

Count Six charges the defendant with conspiring to traffic in false identification documents, based on the alleged sale of fake IDs, fake passports, and other fraudulent identification documents on Silk Road.

Finally, Count Seven charges the defendant with conspiring to commit money laundering, based on the payment system used on Silk Road, which relied on Bitcoins, a form of digital currency. The Government alleges that the defendant designed that payment system to facilitate the illegal transactions conducted on Silk Road and to conceal the proceeds of those transactions from law enforcement.

The defendant denies all of the charges in the Indictment.

HARDSHIP

Jury selection will begin Monday, January 5, 2015. The trial will commence immediately thereafter. Generally, trial will be in session four days per week, Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. **The trial is expected to last four to six weeks (that is, until about February 5-19).**

If you are selected as a juror, you will be required to be present for the taking of testimony and evidence for as long as the trial lasts. There are no plans to sequester the jury, which means you will go home every day after court.

Juror ID: _____

The Court views service on a jury in a federal criminal trial to be one of the highest duties a citizen owes to the United States. Mere inconvenience or the usual financial hardship of jury service will not be sufficient to excuse a prospective juror. You must show extraordinary personal or financial hardship to be excused from service.

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Do you have any unusual financial or other hardship which would prevent you from serving as a juror in this case?

____ Yes ____ No (Even if you answered "yes", you must still answer the entire questionnaire.)

If yes, please explain briefly the nature of the hardship: _____

2. Do you have any difficulty speaking, reading or understanding English? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please explain: _____

3. Do you have any medical conditions that would prevent you from serving in this case?

If yes, please explain: _____

Whether or not you are claiming a hardship, you must complete the rest of this questionnaire.

BACKGROUND

4. Are you: _____ Female _____ Male

5. How old are you? _____

6. What is your place of birth? (If outside the U.S., please tell us the city and country.) _____

7. In what city/ town do you live? _____

8. How long have you lived at your present address? _____

Juror ID: _____

9. In what other cities/towns have you lived in the last 10 years? _____

10. Have you ever lived outside of the U.S.? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, where/when: _____

11. Are you:

Married for ____ years

Single never been married ____

Divorced ____

Separated ____

Widowed ____

Living with someone ____

EDUCATION

12. What is the highest grade that you have completed in school? Please check all appropriate answers:

Elementary/High School Grades: ____ 1-7 ____ 8 ____ 9 ____ 10 ____ 11 ____ 12

College: ____ 1 yr. ____ 2 yrs. ____ 3 yrs. ____ 4 yrs.

Please specify your college major(s): _____

13. If you attended Graduate or Professional School, please specify the area of study and what degree you received, if any: _____

EMPLOYMENT/ VOCATIONAL TRAINING

14. If you are currently employed, please tell us about your job:

Do you work more than one job? _____

What is your job description? _____

How long have you worked at your job? _____

If you have held your job for less than 10 years, what did you do previously? _____

Juror ID: _____

15. If your spouse or domestic partner is employed outside the home, please tell us about his or her job:

What is his or her job description? _____

How long has he or she worked at this job? _____

If he or she has worked at this job for less than 10 years, what did he or she do previously? _____

16. If you are retired:

How long did you work at that job? _____

What was your title or job description? _____

What other jobs or occupations did you have during your working years? _____

17. If your spouse or domestic partner is retired:

How long did he or she work at that job? _____

What was his or her title or job description? _____

18. If you are not employed outside the home, are you:

___ A student? Where do you attend school? _____

How many days a week do you attend? _____

___ A homemaker?

___ Between jobs? What is your usual employment? _____

___ Disabled? What is the nature of the disability that prevents you from working?

How long has it been since you were last employed outside the home? _____

19. Have you, a family member or close friend ever worked in the computer or information technology industries, as a programmer, or for any tech company? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please describe:

Juror ID: _____

CONTACT AND EXPERIENCE WITH LEGAL SYSTEM

20. Have you ever served as a juror? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please complete as appropriate:

a. Civil Cases

Number of times: _____

Number of: ____ Federal cases ____ State cases

For each: Was the jury asked to reach a verdict? (Continue your answer in the space to the right as necessary.)

____ Yes ____ No

For each: If so, did the jury reach a verdict? (Continue your answer in the space to the right as necessary.)

____ Yes ____ No

b. Criminal Cases

Number of times: _____

Number of: ____ Federal cases ____ State cases

For each: Was the jury asked to reach a verdict? (Continue your answer in the space to the right as necessary.)

____ Yes ____ No

For each: If so, did the jury reach a verdict? (Continue your answer in the space to the right as necessary.)

____ Yes ____ No

Juror ID: _____

c. Grand Jury

Number of times: _____

Number of: _____ Federal cases _____ State cases

21. If you have previously served as a juror, was there anything about your jury experience that would make you unable to be fair and impartial in this case?

_____ Yes _____ No

22. Have you ever appeared or testified as a witness in any investigation of legal proceeding?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, state the type of proceeding and your role: _____

23. Have you or anyone close to you, including a family member, friend or acquaintance, ever been a victim of a crime? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please provide (1) the date of the crime, (2) whether it was you or someone close to you, and (3) the nature of the crime: _____

24. If you or someone close to you has been a victim of a crime, is there anything about that experience that makes you believe you would not be able to be fair and impartial in this case?

_____ Yes _____ No

25. Have you or anyone close to you, including a family member, friend or acquaintance ever worked for any private, local, state or federal law enforcement agency?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please identify who, the employer agency, and the position and length of employment: _____

Juror ID: _____

KNOWLEDGE & OPINIONS OF CASE AND PARTIES

26. Have you seen, heard or read anything about Ross Ulbricht?

____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what? _____

27. Have you seen, heard or read anything about the Silk Road website?

____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what? _____

28. Have you seen, heard or read anything about Dread Pirate Roberts or "DPR," other than specifically and only in relation to the movie or the book, "The Princess Bride"?

____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what? _____

29. Have you heard or read anything about this case?

____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what? _____

30. Have you drawn any conclusions or opinions about this case based on what you have seen, heard or read that you think would impact your ability to be a fair and impartial juror in this case?

____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Juror ID: _____

INTERNET AND COMPUTER HABITS

31. How often do you use a computer? ☐ Never ☐ Rarely ☐ Monthly ☐ Weekly
☐ Daily ☐ Hourly ☐ Constantly
☐ Only on weekdays

32. Do you use a computer for ☐ personal use ☐ business (check all that apply)

If you use a computer for business purposes, does your business have website?

☐ Yes ☐ No

33. How often do you use the Internet? ☐ Never ☐ Rarely ☐ Monthly ☐ Weekly
☐ Daily ☐ Hourly ☐ Constantly
☐ Only on weekdays

34. Do you use the Internet for ☐ personal use ☐ business (check all that apply)

If you use the Internet for business purposes, have you ever advertised on the Internet?

☐ Yes ☐ No

35. For which of the following activities do you use the Internet and/or a computer? (Check all that apply)

☐ Reading news ☐ Reading books ☐ Reading magazines
☐ Streaming movies/ videos/ content
☐ Shopping ☐ Banking ☐ Email ☐ Social Media

36. For which of the following is the Internet your primary source?

☐ Reading news ☐ Reading books ☐ Reading magazines
☐ Watching movies/ videos ☐ Shopping
☐ Banking ☐ Correspondence ☐ Socializing

37. Have you ever purchased anything on the internet?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe the nature of the item(s) you purchased and the website(s) you used:

Juror ID: _____

38. Have you formed any opinions based on your experiences with computers and the Internet that you think would impact your ability to be a fair and impartial juror in this case?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain: _____

BITCOIN

39. Have you ever seen, heard or read anything about Bitcoin? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what? _____

40. Have you ever had any personal experience with Bitcoin? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please describe: _____

41. Have you formed any opinions based on your experiences with Bitcoin that you think would impact your ability to be a fair and impartial juror in this case?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain: _____

IDENTITY THEFT

42. Have you ever been the victim of identity theft?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please describe: _____

Juror ID: _____

FINAL QUESTIONS

43. This questionnaire has tried to invite your attention to possible reasons why you might not be able to sit as a fair and impartial juror. Apart from anything you have disclosed above, is there any fact, circumstance, opinion, impression, attitude of mind, personal or other experience, or identification or membership with any group or organization that you believe would prevent you, if you are accepted as a juror in the trial of this case, from listening to the evidence with an open mind and deciding every issue fairly and impartially, solely upon the evidence and in accordance with the Court's instructions as to the law?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain: _____
